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SUBJ: VISIT BY PRESIDENT, JIDDA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

1. PRESIDENT OF JIDDA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, ISMA'IL ABU DAWOOD, A KEY SAUDI BUSINESS FIGURE, HAS BEEN NAMED AS ONE OF FOUR OVERSEAS DIRECTORS ON THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE ARAB-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF NEW YORK CITY. HE IS EXPECTED TO BE SWORN IN ALONG WITH OTHER MEMBERS FROM LEBANON, KUWAIT, AND HOPEFULLY LIBYA ON JUNE 25. ABU DAWOOD HAS BEEN EXTREMELY HELPFUL TO AMERICAN BUSINESS IN SAUDI ARABIA, HAS CHILDREN IN SCHOOL IN ARIZONA, AND WILL BE AN IMPORTANT SAUDI COUNTERPART TO ANY AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN WORKING ON THE PROPOSED INDUSTRIAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MENTIONED IN THE RECENT US-SAUDI AGREEMENT.

2. HE WILL BE UNABLE TO VISIT WASHINGTON ON HIS CURRENT TRIP, BUT USDOC MIGHT WISH TO PROPOSE THAT DURING A VISIT NOW PLANNED FOR AUGUST HE BE INVITED TO WASHINGTON FOR TWO DAYS OF DISCUSSIONS.

3. OTHER MEMBERS NAMED TO THE ARAB-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD INCLUDE ABDUL AZIZ AS-SAQR OF KUWAIT AND ADNAN QASSAR OF LEBANON. ABDUL LATIF AL-KIKHYA, AN IMPORTANT LIBYAN BUSINESS FIGURE, UNFORTUNATELY HAS BEEN JAILED BY THE QAHDABI REGIME, ACCORDING TO ABU DAWOOD.

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4. ABU DAWOOD WILL, OF COURSE, PAY FOR HIS OWN STAY IN
WASHINGTON BUT WE WOULD LIKE HIM TO BE CONSIDERED AS AN
IMPORTANT BUSINESS VISITOR AND TREATED AS SUCH.
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